



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science

Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board

Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U. S. C. App. 2, that the panels of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the dates indicated below:

Panel	Date(s)	Location
Neurobiology-C -----	November 18, 2013	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Surgery -----	November 21, 2013	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Hematology -----	November 22, 2013	*VA Central Office
Infectious Diseases-A -----	November 22, 2013	*VA Central Office
Neurobiology-A -----	November 22, 2013	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Cellular and Molecular Medicine	November 25, 2013	*VA Central Office
Neurobiology-F -----	November 26, 2013	*VA Central Office (12:00 pm ET)
Immunology-A -----	December 3, 2013	Hotel Palomar Washington, DC
Infectious Diseases-B -----	December 3, 2013	Hotel Palomar Washington, DC
Nephrology -----	December 3, 2013	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Endocrinology-B -----	December 4, 2013	The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City
Epidemiology -----	December 4, 2013	*VA Central Office
Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences-A/B -----	December 4, 2013	The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City
Neurobiology-B -----	December 5, 2013	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Oncology-A -----	December 5-6, 2013	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Clinical Application of Genetics-	December 5, 2013	*VA Central Office
Neurobiology-E -----	December 6, 2013	Hotel Palomar Washington, DC
Pulmonary Medicine -----	December 6, 2013	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Aging and Clinical Geriatrics ----	December 9, 2013	*VA Central Office
Endocrinology-A -----	December 9, 2013	The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City
Cardiovascular Studies -----	December 9, 2013	Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Clinical Trials-A -----	December 11, 2013	Hotel Palomar Washington, DC
Clinical Trials-B -----	December 12, 2013	*VA Central Office
Gastroenterology -----	December 12, 2013	The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City
Neurobiology-D -----	December 12, 2013	Hotel Palomar Washington, DC
Eligibility -----	January 17, 2014	The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City

The addresses of the meeting sites are:

Hotel Palomar Washington DC, 2121 P Street, NW, Washington, DC
Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA
The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA
VA Central Office, 131 M Street, NE, Washington, DC

*Teleconference

The purpose of the Board is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety, and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration. Proposals submitted for review by the Board involve a wide range of medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral, and clinical science research.

The panel meetings will be open to the public for approximately one-half hour at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each panel meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals. Because some of the meetings are being held in a government building, a photo I.D. must be presented at the Guard's Desk as a part of the clearance process. Therefore, you should allow an additional 15 minutes before the meeting begins.

The closed portion of each meeting involves discussion, examination, and reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. During this portion of each meeting, discussions will deal with scientific merit of each proposal and qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, as well as research information, the premature disclosure of

which could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research proposals. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, closing portions of these panel meetings is in accordance with title 5 U.S.C., 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B).

Those who plan to attend the general session or would like to obtain a copy of the minutes from the panel meetings and rosters of the members of the panels should contact Alex Chiu, Ph.D., Manager, Merit Review Program (10P9B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 443-5672 or by e-mail at alex.chiu@va.gov.

By Direction of the Secretary:

Dated: November 1, 2013.

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